

BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

**REQUEST FOR EXERCISE OF COMMISSIONER
SUMMER DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY AND BOARD ACTION**

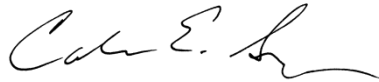
COMMITTEE: Strategic Planning

NO: BHE 20-32

DATE: June 25, 2020

APPROVAL OF BRISTOL COMMUNITY COLLEGE MISSION STATEMENT

MOVED: The Board of Higher Education via Commissioner's Summer Authority provision hereby approves the **Bristol Community College** Mission Statement.



Carlos E. Santiago, Commissioner of Higher Education

Signed under authority delegated to the Commissioner by the Board of Higher Education, BHE 20-34

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15A, Sections 7, 9(f), 9(l) and 22(l);
BHE By-Laws, Article I, Section 3(d) and Article III; BHE 16-09

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BACKGROUND

The Board of Higher Education (BHE) is responsible for reviewing and approving institutional mission statements. M.G.L. c. 15A, §9(e) and §22[n].

Bristol Community College expresses dedication to providing accessible, innovative and inclusive education as the mission statement was reviewed, including a full commitment to evolving the college to meet the needs of the region and understand the vital role played in ensuring its success. Bristol Community College anticipates that the proposed mission statement change will be the first step toward fostering positive change across the institution.

In July 2019, Bristol began the process of developing a new strategic plan that will guide the work of the college through 2024. Bristol conducted an environmental scan that reviewed market data and trends, in addition to holding numerous college-wide workshops, focus groups and community think tank events that engaged many internal and external stakeholders. Throughout the process, information was shared with the campus Board of Trustees. Included in this process was the review of Bristol's existing mission statement commensurate with the developing of a campus plan that would enable Bristol to meet the changing needs of the community. As a result of this planning process and the feedback obtained during these sessions, it became clear to the Bristol Community College community that a new mission statement that would be more succinct and inspiring, while conveying the institution's purpose and values, would set the tone for a culture of innovation and inclusion.

Current and New Mission Statements

Current Mission Statement reads as follows:

As the leading resource for education and workforce development in southeastern Massachusetts, Bristol Community College promotes individual opportunity, sustainability of resources, and the region's economic growth. The College offers a strong foundation in liberal arts and sciences leading to transfer and careers, as well as comprehensive developmental education and adult literacy services, delivered in a learning-centered and supportive community. The College collaborates with business, industry, education, and social service entities to maintain the relevance and the effectiveness of all programming, to support partners with workforce training, and to find strength in its connectedness to community. The Bristol community values and respects diversity and strives to prepare well-rounded learners of all ages who are equipped to succeed and lead in our ever-changing world.

Proposed New Mission Statement

On May 11, 2020, the new Mission statement was unanimously approved by the Bristol Community College Board of Trustees:

Bristol Community College provides an accessible, innovative, and inclusive education that prepares students to navigate and succeed in our ever-changing world.

